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**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD -  
YEAR B**

**11TH & 12TH MAY,  
2024**

**REFLECTION** by Dianne Bergant CSA

The Feast of the Ascension is really a kind of liminal moment in the Easter season. It is a time between times; a moment when we have left one place in our journey, but have not yet arrived at a second. While the narratives that describe the Ascension fit well into the unfolding story of redemption, the feast itself celebrates one aspect of the resurrection itself, namely, the exaltation of Jesus. The readings help us through this paradox. They allow us to focus on this theological point while we commemorate a turning point in the life of the church. We do this by considering both the enthronement of Christ in the heavens and the new body of Christ on earth.



Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at God's right hand. Today we are overwhelmed by the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity. Amidst shouts of joy and exaltation, Christ is enthroned in heaven in both his divinity and his glorified humanity. Now he is present with us in a new way, in a new body, in the church. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists; he ministers through its prophets and pastors. Through us he continues to heal and to comfort; to forgive and to include. We have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have each other; together we make up the new body of Christ.



**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for May**  
*For the formation of religious and seminarians*

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.



WEEKEND MASS TIMES

SATURDAY VIGIL 6PM  
SUNDAY 7.30AM & 9.30AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday & Wednesday at 6pm  
Thursday & Friday at 9.10am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday evening from 5.15pm—  
5.45pm in the Meeting Room

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Corpus Christi Primary – ph 4726 2200  
(Principal - Mrs Sarah O'Rourke)

Xavier College – ph 4777 0900  
(Principal - Mr Michael Pate)

# Parish News

Please keep in your prayers the children in our Parish Community preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

May their families be great models of faith for them during this important time.



## THE BISHOP'S GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL

Bishop Vincent, Parramatta Catholic Foundation and our Holy Spirit seminarians thank you for your kind-hearted generosity and support for our future priests.

**WE HAVE SO FAR RECEIVED \$1321.00 OF OUR \$3251 QUOTA.**

If you would still like to contribute, please pick up an envelope from the foyer and place it in the collection plate. This will help our Holy Spirit Seminary to support the faithful men who have answered God's call to become priests for his people.

## Electronic Payments

In keeping with the Parramatta Diocesan financial processes, the parish will be installing the Tap and Go facility for the First and Second collections at weekend Masses. The machines will be placed at the two entrances to the Church within the next two weeks.

## Planned Giving

Please contact Marie at the Parish Office if you

- ◇ are contributing to the Planned Giving Program via the envelope system and would like to change to credit card or direct debit;
- ◇ would like to join the Planned Giving Program.

## Planned Giving/Parish Donations

Your gift to Planned Giving helps cover the running of the parish and also contributes towards outreach in our parish community and beyond.

If you would like to contribute directly, the parish bank details are:

BSB: 067 950  
Acct No: 100000698  
Acct Name: Cranebrook Parish

Please ensure you put your details in the reference section (ENVELOPE N# OR SURNAME)

## An Important Carpark Safety Message

Please ensure you park in the allocated parking spots.

We ask that you **do not park in the School Drop Off area that runs along the front of the Church.**

**This area is clearly marked and signed NO PARKING.**

ALSO, please be aware that the parish carpark has a **ONE WAY ENTRY AND EXIT.**

The access in front of the Parish Office is an **ENTRY ONLY.**

## Save the Dates...

### Parish Feast Day

Sunday 2nd June

Morning tea after the 9.30am Mass in the school hall.

Parishioners are invited to bring a plate to share.

### Corpus Christi Youth Mass

Sunday 16th June at 5.00pm

Mass will be followed by pizza and drinks.

More details for both events coming soon.

Adoration and Devotion will take place each first Friday of the month after 9.10am Mass.

This will also be an anointing Mass.

## Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer:

### Recently Deceased:

John Lennon (28/04), Charlie Vella (12/04), Louis Simiana

### Anniversary:

James Vella (02/05/17), Margaret Vella (11/05/20), Michael Pace (24/05/23), Maryann Azzopardi (14/05/16), John Lowery (22/04), Julita Sison, Paulose, Nazzareno Said (12/04), Valentino Nadalini, Kevin McCormack

### For those who are sick:

Rose Zahra, Eleanor Albertyn, Rosa Pronesti

## Mother's Day Remembrance...

We especially remember all mothers who have gone from this life and give thanks for their influence of faith and love.

May the Lord reward all of our loved mums who have gone from this life with peace and joy.



## Mother's Prayer

I said a Mother's Day prayer for you to thank the Lord above for blessing me with a lifetime of your tender hearted love.

I thanked God for the caring you've shown me through the years, for the closeness we've enjoyed in time of laughter and of tears.

And so, I thank you from the heart for all you've done for me and bless the Lord for giving me the best mother there could be!



Happy Mother's Day

# Parish News

We, the people of Corpus Christi,  
seek to grow in living  
a Christ-centred mission,  
sharing our gifts to foster welcome,  
justice and community in today's world.



A very warm welcome to anyone who  
is new to the parish.

So that we can get to know who you are,  
it would be great if you would  
please fill out a Census Card available in the foyer.

## Advertising in The Net

Are you interested in advertising your business in The Net??? Ads run for 12 months for a cost of \$420 commencing in April. There is also the opportunity to run an ad on a monthly or three monthly basis. For details, contact Marie at the Parish Office during office hours.

## 'Young in Spirit' Seniors Group



Our seniors group meets on the last Friday morning of each month after 9.10am Mass/ Communion Service, in the Parish Office. Please bring a small plate of food to share for morning tea. New members are welcome.

## Parish Ministries

If at any time a member of the parish is seeking some involvement in parish ministries, you are warmly encouraged to contact the Parish Office.

## Catechist News... Are you able to help?

If you can spare about an hour each week during school terms and would like to find out more about becoming a teacher or a helper, you can call the parish office or our Catechist Co Ordinator, Lorrene Gorman on 0414 471 329.

# Parramatta Diocesan News

## Mount Schoenstatt Women's Breakfast

Saturday 15th June, 9.00am – 11.00am

Family Hall, Mount Schoenstatt  
230 Fairlight Road Mulgoa

### Guest Speaker:

**Sr M Isabell Naumann ISSM ThD STD FCES**

*Sr M Isabell is the President of the Catholic Institute of Sydney, specialising in ecclesiology, theological anthropology and Marian studies. She has served on various national and international academic boards and councils including two terms at the Pontifical Council for Culture, Rome.*

Cost is \$25 including breakfast

Bookings: 4733 8338 by 7th June or contact Ann Panitz on 0419 219 572 if you would like more information..

## Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities

More training opportunities for Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be available throughout May. Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event at: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>

For more information, please email: [safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org)

## Expression of Interest:

### Ministry to the Sick in Hospitals

Are you interested in bringing Communion to the Sick in the Hospitals of the Diocese? You will receive formation and information necessary for this ministry. Note you will not be required to do this every week but will be placed on a roster. For more information, please contact [bernard.ellis@catholiccarewsbm.org.au](mailto:bernard.ellis@catholiccarewsbm.org.au) by 15th June.

## St Patrick's Cathedral Mozart Concert

River City Voices will perform Mozart's Requiem in D Minor and is joining for the first time with the dynamic young Western Sydney Philharmonic at

**St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, on  
Friday 17th May from 7.30pm.**

Tickets are \$60 general admission & \$45 for concessions at <https://events.humanitix.com/mozart-s-requiem/tickets>

## Diocesan Pentecost Scripture Reflection

*What does the Holy Spirit look like in your life? How can Scripture stretch our imagination when comes to Pentecost and the Holy Spirit?*

**Register for the Diocesan Pentecost Scripture Reflection  
Evening with Dr Michele Connolly rsj on  
Wednesday 15th May – 6:30pm to 8:30pm.**

RSVP via QR or get in touch with the team via [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org)

## Synod 2023 Update:

### Local Think Tank Sessions from May-June

Parishes and other local faith communities across the diocese are holding local Think Tank Sessions, giving local leaders and anyone involved in ministry to offer feedback on the Draft of the Diocesan Plan for a Synodal Church, and contribute ideas for the practical implementation of our Diocesan Plan.

Visit [parracatholic.org/synod](https://parracatholic.org/synod) for more information.

## Online Formation on Synodal Spirituality

Dive into 'Synodal Spirituality' with this FREE online short formation course, taught by Sr Patty Andrew OSU. This is an exploration of communal discernment, active engagement, and creative faith responses to challenges in the mission of the Church today. Enrol now and take part in Pope Francis's vision for a synodal Church: <https://pfparra.thinkific.com/courses/synodal-spirituality/>

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